

**BOROUGH OF LONGPORT COMMISSION WORKSHOP MEETING
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 2305 ATLANTIC AVE
LONGPORT, NJ 08403
THURSDAY, January 10, 2019 – 9:00 AM**

Meeting was called to order and Deputy Municipal Clerk Kyle read the Opening Statement pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act.

ROLL CALL:	Nicholas Russo	present
	James P. Leeds, Sr.	absent
	Daniel Lawler	present

Solicitor Agnellini, Engineer Carter, Richard Hirsch, Police Chief Culmone, Planning/ Zoning Board Chair Tom McAllister, CFO Kelly, and Deputy Municipal Clerk Kyle also in attendance.

Mayor's announcements (meeting start time 9:07 am).

The agenda order was changed.

Solicitor Agnellini discussed shore communities and short-term rentals, particularly internet-based rentals. Mr. Hirsch discussed the rental process noting that borough code requires a Certificate of Occupancy inspection prior to each new tenant. There was further discussion on the borough's rental regulations. Chief Culmone discussed his concerns with short-term internet rentals such as Air BNB and a recent event involving a shooting in Ventnor. There was further discussion on this topic including a possible revision to the current ordinance and discussion on how best to inform homeowners of local rental rules and regulations.

Tom McAllister, Longport Planning and Zoning Board Chairman discussed the historic aspect of 22nd Avenue and preserving the brick sidewalks. He discussed preserving the bricks by placing them in the governor's strip. He also discussed eliminating curbside mailboxes in the borough. Solicitor Agnellini discussed reaching out to officials at the Margate Post Office regarding this topic. Mr. McAllister also discussed Mr. Carter's proposed retirement and asked if he could be involved in the selection of the next borough engineer.

MAYOR RUSSO:

No additional discussion.

COMMISSIONER LAWLER:

No additional discussion.

COMMISSIONER LEEDS:

Absent

POLICE CHIEF CULMONE:

Police Chief Culmone discussed enhancing pedestrian safety with the installment of solar-powered LED lighting at certain crosswalks in the borough including 28th Avenue near the church. He noted that there are various options for installment of the lighting systems. Engineer Carter noted that the County is

currently working on improvements to Ventnor Avenue and that he could reach out to the County regarding the crosswalk lighting system.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT:

Librarian Gerhardt discussed the art display in the library.

ENGINEER CARTER:

Engineer Carter reviewed the Engineer's Report. He also reviewed the bid summary for three recent bid openings. He noted that no bids were received for the relocation of the electrical equipment in borough hall and that there is a need to re-bid this project. He also discussed a recent ordinance adopted by the borough regarding nodal installations in the borough. He noted that there are more issues that will need to be addressed regarding this topic. Engineer Carter discussed a recommendation from Mr. Merenich regarding the Council on Affordable Housing and that it is something that the governing body and planning/zoning board should consider addressing as a matter of record. He discussed the NJ DEP beach maintenance permit and municipal public access plan. Engineer Carter also discussed Verizon's request to renew its franchise agreement and suggested all wireless aspects be removed from that agreement as it is a 50-year commitment.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Solicitor Agnellini discussed nodal installations and his concerns with Verizon's ability to install new poles for the wireless equipment. The recently adopted ordinance addresses restrictions on existing poles in the borough. There was further discussion on this topic, including the aesthetics of the equipment on the poles. He also discussed removing the wireless aspects from the agreement and potentially limiting the agreement from 50 years to 20 years. Solicitor Agnellini also discussed the Council on Affordable Housing. There was further discussion the beach access plan.

MUNICIPAL CLERK'S REPORT:

Deputy Municipal Clerk Kyle requested the governing body's input regarding dates that permit barbecuing and picnicking on the beach for the July 4th holiday. She also asked the governing body if it wished to move forward with an amendment to the Carryout Bag Fee Ordinance.

MISCELLANEOUS:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION- Commissioner Lawler, SECOND- Mayor Russo. ALL IN FAVOR - All AYES- none opposed.
Commissioner Leeds – Absent. (10:23 am)